

Clean Copy of Amended Claims 40 and 43

f2 40. (Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein said strippable paint is water soluble and said stabilizing step is performed at an ambient temperature of 15 -30 °C and an ambient humidity of 50-80%.

f3 43. (Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein said strippable paint is water soluble and said stabilizing step is performed by allowing the automobile to stand for a long time at an ambient temperature of 15 -30 °C and an ambient humidity of 50-80% after the application of the strippable paint before said preliminary drying step.

New Claim 44

f4 44. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising the steps of:
partially drying the strippable paint coated on the painted surface of the paint-finished automobile so as to promote drying of the strippable paint from inside thereof; and
then finally drying the automobile to uniformly dry the entire strippable paint coated on the painted surface of the paint-finished automobile.